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of the meeting of 22 September 2011, from 9.00 to 10.00
Brussels

The meeting opened at 9.10 on Thursday, 22 September 2011, with Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García (Chair) in the chair.

1. Adoption of draft agenda (PE 446.780v01)

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes. The presentation on behalf of the Uruguayan pro tempore Presidency of Mercosur by Uruguay's Ambassador to the EU, Walter Cancela, which had been scheduled as point 3 of the agenda, was cancelled owing to the ambassador being unable to attend the meeting.

2. Approval of 2012 programme of activities

The 2012 programme of activities was approved. The programme included visits to Argentina (from 16 to 20 July 2012) and Brazil (from 29 October to 2 November 2012).

3. State of negotiations towards the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement following the 2 to 8 July 2011 round of talks in Brussels. Exchange of views with:

- **the Managing Director for the Americas in the European External Action Service, Christian Leffler**
- **the Deputy Director-General of DG Trade at the Commission, João Aguiar Machado**

The European External Action Service's Managing Director for the Americas, Christian Leffler, stated that the association agreement was highly important to the EU, both economically and politically. He emphasised that the agreement would help

to strengthen cooperation between the EU and the Mercosur countries in international fora, particularly with regard to reforming world governance and the international financial organisations, climate change, energy security, migration and human rights.

Mr Leffler informed Members that, at the end of the Brussels round, three subject areas could be identified with respect to the association agreement's chapters on political dialogue and cooperation: a group of articles which could be concluded during the next round in Montevideo (telecommunications and the information society, environment and energy); a series of questions the negotiation of which was directly dependent on the discussions on the trade chapter (health requirements, rules of origin, customs cooperation and intellectual property); and a group of more sensitive topics (migration, non-proliferation, fiscal governance and climate change), which would be the last to be concluded. Mr Leffler wound up by emphasising that the parties had already reached an agreement on the article referring to the creation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee to oversee the implementation of the association agreement.

The Deputy Director-General of DG Trade at the Commission, João Aguiar Machado, reiterated the EU's commitment to concluding an ambitious and balanced trade agreement as part of the association agreement, as this would be of considerable benefit to both regions. He said that the potential economic benefit for the EU had already been confirmed by up-to-date impact assessments, which showed an increase of between EUR 14.7 and 21.4 billion in the EU's GDP (taking into account the possible negative impact on farming) and that exports to Mercosur could double.

Mr Aguiar Machado said that the negotiations had centred on the enacting terms of the agreement and that considerable progress had been made, particularly with regard to rules of origin, services, investment and settlement of disputes. Mr Aguiar Machado added that both sides were working internally to complete their market access offers, but stressed that no date had as yet been set for their exchange, although this would probably take place during the next year. He stressed that the Commission was fully aware of the EU's concerns over agricultural issues, which would be taken into consideration not only when drafting the EU's market access offers but also when drawing up internal policies to combat negative impact on the sector (such as the possibility of making agricultural losses incurred as a result of trade agreements eligible under the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund).

An exchange of views then took place between the visiting speakers and Members.

Speakers: Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica and the Chair.

4. Other business

There was none.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Delegation would take place on 20 October 2011, from 9.00 to 10.30, in Brussels.

The meeting closed at 10.00.

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Bilbao Barandica, Capoulas Santos, Vöss

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<p>Christian Leffler, Aguiar Machado</p>

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<p>Fernández de la Puente</p>
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